15. Create additional posts for the maintenance of new assets created and new service introduced without imposing any restrictions.

16. (a) Reject Kelkar Committee Recommendations on Ordnance Factories etc. and Income Tax Department.

(b) Scrap report of the Running Allowance Committee, 2002.

17. Review Hours of Employment Regulations (HOER), reduce duty hours of the Running staff and other safety categories staff in the Railways.

18. Grant Cadre Restructuring and upgradation of left out cetegories in the Railways.

19. Remove discrimination amongst the Central Government employees working in the N.E. region by granting Special Duty Allowance to all Group 'C' & 'D' employees.

20. Improve Career opportunities of the Group 'D' employees in the Railways.

Double laning of Bangalore-Mysore Rail Line

78. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the increasing movement of freight and passengers on the Bangalore-Mysore rail route, the Government of Karnataka has requested for, *inter alia*, introduction of new train, double laning of Bangalore-Mysore rail line, additional bogies to the existing trains, etc; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the Centre's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) On Bangalore-Mysore section, doubling of Bangalore-Kengeri (12 kms) and Kengeri-Ramanagaram (32 kms) sections have been taken up on 2/3rd cost sharing basis with the Government of Karnataka. The matching funds have not been provided by the State Government which is affecting the progress of works.

Work on doubling of balance length i.e. Ramanagaram-Mysore (95 kms) is not yet approved for which survey has been taken up.

9775/9776 Jaipur-Banagalore Express (bi-weekly) has been extended to Mysore from 01.10.2005. It is proposed to introduce Yeswantpur-Mangalore Express *via* Mysore after completion of the gauge conversion works on Arsikere-Mangalore section. Extra coaches are attached to 6205/6206 Mysore-Bangalore Tippu Express and 6215/6216 Mysore-Bangalore are run to clear the extra rush during Holiday Festivals etc. to the extent feasible and justified.

Rail link with Myanmar

79. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2725 replied in the Rajya Sabha on 16th December 2005 and state:

(a) what progress has, so far, been made with regard to Indo-Myanmar Rail link as suggested by the RITES Ltd.;

(b) whether Government are considering any proposal to establish rail link from Ledo (Arunachal Pradesh) to Pangsau-Pass on Indo Myanmar Border; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The Feasibility Study on providing India-Myanmar Rail prepared by M/s. RITES is currently under bilateral consultation.

(b) No, Sir. There is no proposal with Ministry of Railways.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Railway Bridges in Andhra Pradesh

80. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for construction/re-construction/ strengthening of railway bridges in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of places where new bridges are to be constructed and the bridges identified for reconstruction/strengthening in Andhra